

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants appreciate the courtesy shown by the Examiner and his supervisor in discussing this application with the undersigned. The discussions of the interview are reflected in the above amendments and the remarks that follow.

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 9-14 have been added. The exclusion of yttria in claims 1 and 8 is supported by the listing of yttria as an optional component in paragraph [0054] and the examples that do not include yttria. Claim 9 is supported at paragraph [0054], claim 10 at paragraphs [0055] and [0110], claim 11 at paragraphs [0054] and [0055], claim 12 at paragraphs [0055] and [0110], claim 13 at paragraphs [0060] and [0062], and claim 14 at paragraph [0110].

Claim 3 was found objectionable. Applicants respectfully contend that the calculation underlying the rejection is incorrect for the following reasons. Claim 3 indicates that it applies to cations other than alkali metal and alkaline earth metal. See also paragraphs [0028] and [0032] of the present specification. Thus, contrary to the calculation in the objection, Na₂O should not be considered when making the fm calculation. Moreover, the objection is based on the assumption $(r_1)^2 < (r_2)^2 < (r_3)^2$. However, actual values are available for these variables. Thus, referring to Example 16 used in the objection, for SiO₂ C₁=1, Z₁=4, x₁=0.49, r₁=0.40, for TiO₂ C₂=1, Z₂=4, x₂=0.30, r₂=0.75, r₀=1.26. Applying the formula for fm in claim 3 to Example 16 results in $fm = ((x_1 C_1 Z_1 / (r_1 + r_0)^2) + (x_2 C_2 Z_2 / (r_2 + r_0)^2)) / (x_1 C_1 + x_2 C_2)$. Inserting the above values yields $((1.96/1.66^2) + (1.22/2.01^2)) / 0.79$, which equals 1.276. This is within the range of claim 3 and the objection should be withdrawn.

Applicants note that the published version of the present specification in US 2006/0094584 includes a printing error. In the formula, the division sign "/" has been omitted before $\sum x_i c_i$. This does not seem to have effected the calculation in the objection.

Claims 1, 2 and 8 have been rejected as anticipated by Zou. Favorable reconsideration of this rejection is requested. Zou is directed to information recording media having crystallized glass substrates having high surface smoothness. Zou specifically discloses that yttria is a critical component to the compositions. See col. 5, lines 1-12. The compositions of claim 1 exclude yttria, and thus are not anticipated. The present compositions have the advantageous property of being suitable for high speed microprocessing without cracking. Nothing in Zou suggests any reason to prepare a composition without yttria, much less to expect that the

advantageous properties of the present compositions could be obtained. Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected for obviousness double patenting over USSN 10/262864 and 10/522046. These rejections are moot in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejections.

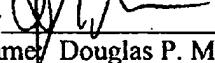
The translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability is filed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1 - 8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 8	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: Hiroshi TSUNETOMO, Hirotaka KOMOCHI and Masanori KOJITANI, "Laser Kakou-you Glass to Sono Oyou," Laser Kakou Gakkai Ronbunshu, 04 December 2002, Vol. 57, pages 26 to 32</p> <p>Document 2: Hirotaka KOMOCHI, Masanori KOJITANI and Hiroshi TSUNETOMO, "Titanium Gan'yuu Laser Kakou-you Glass no Kaihatsu," Extended Abstracts, The Japan Society of Applied Physics, 24 September 2002, Vol. 63, No. 3, page 978</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2000-159539 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.), 13 June 2000, claims and example 4</p> <p>Document 4: JP 11-116267 A (Hoya Corp.), 27 April 1999, claims and example 16 & US 6214429 B1, claims and example 16</p> <p>Document 5: JP 10-81542 A (Hoya Corp.), 31 March 1998, claims, & US 6214429 B1, claims</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">The invention that is set forth in claims 1, 2 and 8 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 to 5 cited in the international search report.</p>			

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Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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Documents 1 and 2 disclose a feature wherein silica glass that contains titanium is subjected to laser processing. Therein, documents 1 and 2 do not disclose a specific composition for the silica glass; however, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of employing a well-known silica glass that contains titanium, such as the silica glass compositions that are disclosed in documents 3 to 5, as the glass material which is subjected to laser processing.

The invention that is set forth in claims 3 to 5 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-5.

Documents 3 to 5 disclose glass compositions which correspond to the glass compositions that are set forth in claim 1 of the present application; therefore, the glass compositions in question can be considered to exhibit the numerical values which are delimited for the inventions that are set forth in claims 3 to 5.

The invention that is set forth in claims 6 and 7 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 to 5 cited in the international search report.

Documents 1 and 2 indicate that there is a proportional relationship between the titanium content within the glass and the laser processability thereof; therefore, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of establishing a lower limit for the number of Si-O-Ti bonds and the lower limit for the N_{Bo}/α value that is set forth in claim 7 in order to improve the

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laser processability of the glass.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2003-246638 A [P, X]	02-09-2003	22-02-2002	
JP 2003-112945 A [P, X]	18-04-2003	05-10-2001	
JP 2004-107198 A [E, X]	08-04-2004	22-07-2003	24-07-2002

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.9)

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